Highness the Maharaja's Palace, they being attached to the personal staff of His Highness. As for the rest, a reference to the Civil List is invited.

(d) Vide answer (a).

Regulation to prevent Juvenile smoking.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

15. Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the existence of a Regulation to prevent Juveniles from smoking and using intoxicants, etc.?

Though the Regulation has been in force since long and juvenile offenders are often met with, how is it that nothing is seen done as per the Regulation to stamp out the practice? How many such cases have been booked since the passing of the Regulation—in schools and outside?

If no satisfactory action has been taken as yet, will the Government be pleased to do it at least hereafter?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

The Juvenile Smoking Regulation being on the statute book there is no necessity for attention being drawn to it.

Everything practicable has been done by Government to stamp out the practice (vide copies of the circulars appended) (*Appendix III*). Government have also directed the Magistracy and the Police to be vigilant in the enforcement of the provisions of the Regulation.

In schools — about 14½ dozen cases.

Outside—6 cases.

In view of the answer to part I, this portion does not require an answer.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Are we to understand that there were very rare cases of juvenile offenders outside the schools for the last 6 years?

President.—On that basis the number is given.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Are we to understand that for the last 6 years there were only 6 cases detected or there were only very rare cases?

President.—What is the supplementary question?

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Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Will the Government be pleased to state whether there were only as many as 6 cases, though the rule was in existence for the last 6 years.

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

There are only 6 cases detected.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

How many such cases have been detected, since the passing of the resolution in schools and outside?

President.—Your question is definite and the answer is equally definite. In schools about 14½ dozen cases and outside 6 cases. Is there anything more wanted in answer to the question?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Every thing practical has been done by the Government, and they have detected only 6 cases for the last 6 years. These were detected by the Police Department and the others by the Educational Department.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR

How many such cases have been detected outside, I mean?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

Outside, 6 cases.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

Very poor, no doubt. Are we justified in this?

Will there not be more than one case every year? The number taken by the Government is so low.

Mr. C. ACHYUTA MENON.

How many undetected cases there are:— that is what he wants to know.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

I want to know the number of cases which have been investigated but in regard to which no action was taken; cases which were not booked; cases which have to be investigated but in regard to which no action was thought necessary.

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President.—You want information in regard to such cases?

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

There are such cases.

President.—But then your original question does not want such an answer. It requires time to collect the information.

Number and working of the Co-operative Societies.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

16. (a) What is the total number of Co-operative Societies registered in the Cochin State and the total number till now cancelled?

(b) How many societies are there at present without practical work?

(c) How many Co-operative Inspectors are there at present?

(d) Is it a fact that the Registrar had applied for an additional Inspector?

(e) Will there be any necessity for an additional hand, if the unsatisfactory societies are cancelled?

(f) Has the Registrar inspected or at least visited all the societies in the State?

(g) If not, what are those societies and the dates of their formation?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) The total number till now registered and cancelled is 150 and 18 respectively.

(b) Five.

(c) Three.

(d) Yes.

(e) The appointment of an additional Inspector and the cancellation of unsatisfactory societies are two different matters. The question of cancellation arises only if the societies cannot be restored to proper working order.

(f) No.

(g) A list giving the information is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV*).

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23. രാമന്റെ സുഭാഷിതങ്ങൾ
24. സാഹിതീ സമ്മേളനം
(Raja Raja Varma.)

Malayalam Dictionary, Bhagavatam and കേരളപാണിനീയം for distribution.

APPENDIX III.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 15).

Dis. No. 3679/D/96.

Office of the Director of Education,
Trichur,
18th January 1921.

Circular Memorandum.

The attention of the heads of all schools and Colleges, Sirkar and aided, is drawn to the Regulation to prevent Juvenile Smoking in the State recently passed by Government. They are requested to warn their pupils against using tobacco in any form, as the penal provisions of the Regulation will shortly be enforced.

(Sd). F. S. DAVIES,
Director of Education.

To

The Heads of all schools and Colleges.
Copies to Inspecting Officers.

R. O. C. No. 2774/99.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Trichur,
19th October 1923.

Circular.

In spite of the passing of a Regulation to prevent juvenile smoking, it is found that the practice of smoking is on the increase among our boys. It is not an uncommon sight to see boys of tender age going about smoking in the streets and in public places. Even in schools boys are sometimes, caught carrying cigarettes and snuff with them. It seems necessary, therefore, to call the serious attention of teachers and heads of schools and the guardians of pupils to this growing evil and its deleterious effects on the rising generation. Every possible means should be used to stamp out this pernicious habit. More could be achieved, perhaps, by sympathy and persuasion than by threats and punishments. It is desired that a combined effort should be made by the staffs of schools and the guardians of pupils to discover the extent of the evil and to take effective measures for its suppression. Inspecting Officers are expected to pay particular attention to this matter and to enquire and report on it in the course of their visits and inspections of schools.

(Sd). C. MATTHAI,
Director.

To

The Heads of schools.
Inspecting Officers.
Copy to Gazette.

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Circular No. 5 of 1096.

The attention of all officers of the Department is drawn to the Diwan's Notification on page 422, Part I of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 5th February 1921 (23rd Makaram 1096) informing the public that Regulation II of 1096, a Regulation to provide for the prevention of juvenile smoking, will be brought into force in the towns of Mattancherry, Trippunittura, Ernakulam, Irinjalakkuda, Trichur, Kunnamkulam, Wadakkancherry, Chittur and Tattamangalam with effect from 1st Chingam 1097, corresponding to the 17th August 1921.

2. Inspectors and other officers of the Department have already been provided with copies of the Regulation referred to. From Section 3 thereof, it will be found that the sale of tobacco to a person actually and by appearance under the age of 16 years, except on the written order of the parent, guardian or employer of such last named person, is punishable with a fine not exceeding Rs. 20 in the case of a first conviction, Rs. 50 in the case of a second conviction and Rs. 100 in the case of a third and every subsequent conviction. Under this section, therefore, the sale of tobacco by tobacco licensees to persons actually and by appearance under the age of 16 years, excepting under the conditions specified in the said section, is prohibited and this fact will be found referred to in the tobacco sale notification for 1097. All purchasers of shops for next year should therefore be informed accordingly.

3. According to section 4 of the Regulation, any police officer or excise officer, or a teacher within the premises of the institution to which he belongs, is authorised to seize any tobacco in the possession of any person apparently under the age of 16 when he finds smoking or chewing or using such tobacco in the shape of snuff in any street or public place.

4. These rules must be very carefully understood and before the Regulation comes into force, Inspectors themselves and Aminadars and peons should personally give them wide publicity in the towns referred to in the Diwan's Notification so that the public may be fully acquainted with them and take care not to break them. At the start some inconvenience may be caused, and Inspectors must therefore take every precaution to prevent the Regulation from being worked in a harsh and inconsiderate manner.

5. Whenever there is the detection of a case through Departmental agency, a report should forthwith be made to the Superintendent and a report should also be submitted of the result of such case. A form will be prescribed for the purpose.

6. It should clearly be borne in mind that under the Regulation though sale is an offence, mere possession is not an offence unless the tobacco possessed is being actually smoked or chewed or used as snuff and then too, it is only an offence when the act takes place in any street or public place.

7. Inspectors should personally see that Aminadars and peons thoroughly understand the Regulation and that no harsh or unnecessary interference with the public takes place.

Office of the Superintendent of Excise Revenue, Ernakulam,
7th February 1921.
25th Makaram 1096.

H. BROWN,
Superintendent.

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